National Stage Entry of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/008789

## **REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the presently filed above-identified application. As such, applicants request that the Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination and calculation of the filing fees. Originally filed claims 1-11 have been canceled and new claims 12-22 are presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Zaronias Registration No. 54,564

Cook, Alex, McFarron, Manzo, Cummings & Mehler, Ltd. 200 West Adams Street Suite 2850 Chicago, Illinois 60606 312.236.8500